

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 736

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Fred. L. Myers, Jr., of
Cocke County.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Fred L. "Freddie"
Myers, Jr., of Cocke County; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary public servant and consummate professional, Freddie
Myers's many contributions to his fellow citizens through public service at both the state and
local levels were truly remarkable; and

WHEREAS, a prominent local attorney, Freddie Myers was sworn in as the City of
Parrottsville's first-ever judge in July 2011, holding court once a month and serving on a
volunteer basis; and

WHEREAS, a proud member of the Republican Party, Mr. Myers was elected as
Tennessee Republican Executive Committeeman for the Fourth Senatorial District and served
in that position for decades, sharing his dedication and loyalty to that esteemed organization;
and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 1974, Fred Myers was elected by the Quarterly County Court of
Cocke County to fill the unexpired term of State Senator Kenneth Porter, following his
resignation on June 6, 1974, and served with distinction during the 88th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the son of Dossie H. Myers and Fred L. Myers, Sr., Fred L. Myers, Jr.,
graduated from Cocke County High School in 1954 and received his law degree from the
University of Tennessee in 1961; and

WHEREAS, a military veteran, Mr. Myers rendered sterling service as a member of the
United States Army, before receiving his honorable discharge, and rose to the rank of captain
as a member of the Tennessee National Guard; and

WHEREAS, admitted to the bar in 1962 and licensed to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals in 1974, Freddie Myers practiced law with Myers & Ball, LLP, and enjoyed tenures as county attorney for Cocke County and president of the Cocke County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, he was named a senior counselor of the Tennessee Bar Association, an honorific that recognizes those members who reach seventy-five years of age or complete fifty years of practice for their service to the legal profession; and

WHEREAS, his public service at the local level also included service as a member of the Newport/Cocke County Chamber of Commerce, the board of directors of the Newport Rescue Squad, and chairman of the Cocke County Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, an active part of his community, Mr. Myers was a faithful member of First Baptist Church and held membership in Am-Vets, the American Legion, the National Rifle Association, and various other sporting clubs; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, a loving husband and father, Mr. Myers enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Norma Jean Cureton Myers, and was the proud father of Janice Sue Myers; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his brother, Attorney J. William Myers and wife Jane, and several nephews, including Derrick Cureton; and

WHEREAS, Fred Myers, Jr., leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Fred L. Myers, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his

impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Myers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.